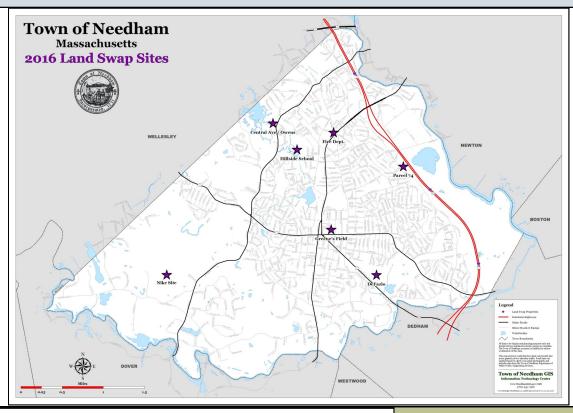
May 2016 Annual Town Meeting

Articles 29—34

Massachusetts General Laws c. 40 Section 15A sets forth the manner in which primary jurisdiction of municipal land may be transferred between boards and committees. The Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Park & Recreation Commission have engaged in an evaluation of certain parcels with the goal of ensuring that the stewardship of all Town land is under the appropriate governing body. Articles 29—34 would implement the unanimous recommendation of the three boards.



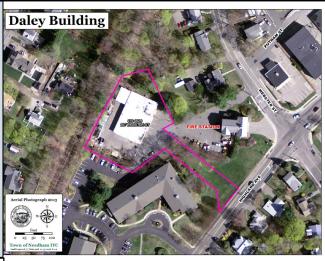


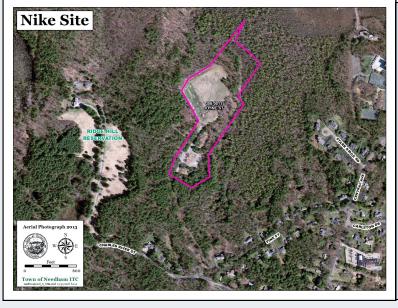
"Parcel 74" (located Article 29: on Greendale Avenue near Cheney Street) is proposed to be transferred to the Board of Selectmen from the Park & Recreation Commission for general municipal use. Options for Parcel 74 have been included in past facilities studies. There are no immediate plans for use of the site, but it may be considered for use in the future based community on needs.

Article 30: The Hillside School on Glen Gary Road would be transferred from the School Committee to **Board** the of Selectmen. Under the terms of a Memorandum of Agreement, the School will remain under the oversight and control of the School Committee until it is no longer needed for educational purposes.



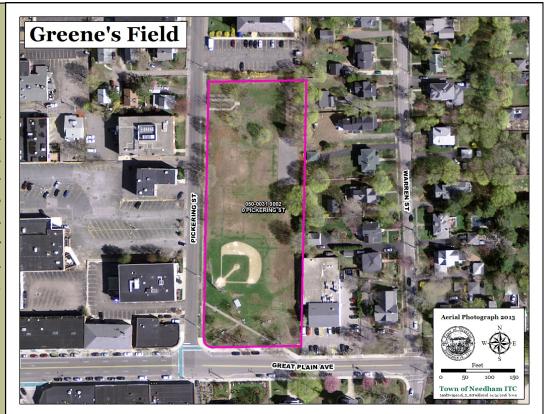
The Daley Building, located behind Fire Station #2 on Highland Avenue, would be transferred from the School Committee to the Board of Selectmen. The Daley Building is used primarily as workshop and storage space for the Public Facilities Department. Transfer to the Board of Selectmen will enable potential realignment of the property lines if necessary as part of the reconstruction of Fire Station #2.



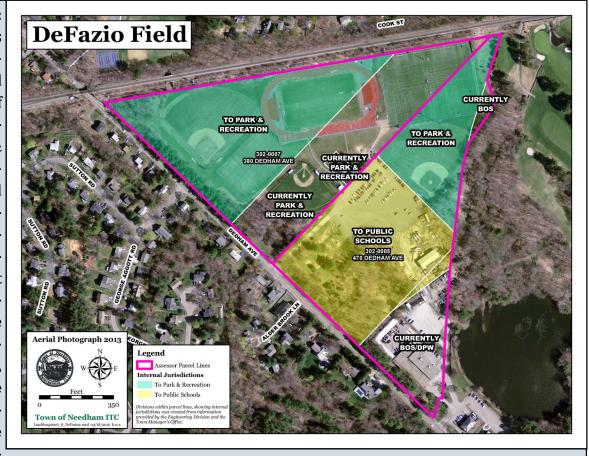


The Nike Site would be transferred from the School Committee to the Board of Selectmen as it will no longer be needed as a reserve school site. The Board of Selectmen's intention is to pursue further discussions with the Conservation Commission about a strategic plan for the entire Nike/Ridge Hill property.

Article 31: The Board of Selectmen would transfer Greene's Field to the Park & Recreation Commission. The Park & Recreation Department currently schedules and manages the use of this downtown park.

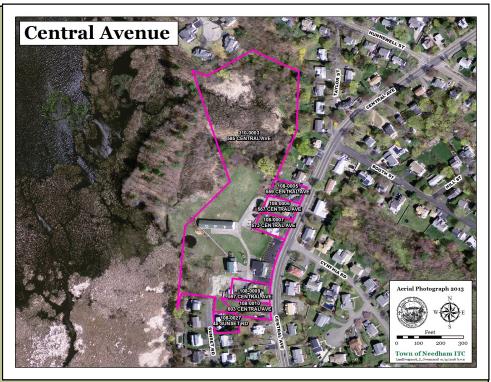


Article 32/33: DeFazio Park is currently divided into assigned jurisdictions the School Committee, Park & **Recreation Com**mission, and **Board of Select**men. These articles would transfer the present School Committee area to the Park & Recreation Commission. a portion of the **Board of Select**men's area to the Park & Recrea-



tion Commission, and another section of the Board of Selectmen's area (in yellow) to the School Committee for a reserve school site.

Article 33: Consistent with prior Town Meeting approvals, Article 33 would also transfer the "Owens Farm" parcel and adjacent properties from the Board of Selectmen to the School Committee for the construction of a new elementary School. Exclusive jurisdiction by the School Committee will assure the Massachusetts School Building Authority that the parcel is available for educational uses for the next 50 years.



<u>Article 34</u>: Because Parcel 74 is dedicated as parkland, an Act of the Legislature is required in order to complete transfer of jurisdiction from the Park & Recreation Commission to the Board of Selectmen. Article 34 is a Home Rule Petition seeking such authorization.

